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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): FAILE et al.  
Serial No.: 10/538,957  
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR REDUCING PRESSURE  
FLUCTUATIONS IN A SUCTION PIPE OF A WATER TURBINE  
OR WATER PUMP OR WATER-PUMP TURBINE  
Filed: August 31, 2006  
Examiner: Ninh H. Nguyen  
Art Unit: 3745  
Confirmation No.: 9477  
Customer No.: 27,623  
Attorney Docket No.: WW033USU

**Mail Stop AF  
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

We are enclosing an Amendment in response to the communication dated January 16, 2008 in the above-identified application.

Petition for extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.137 is hereby made if, and to the extent, required. The fee for this extension of time is calculated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_ to extend the time for filing this response until \_\_\_\_\_.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	16	Minus	20	0	x \$50.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	3	4	x \$200.00	\$800.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM FEE					x \$360.00 = \$	
TOTAL FEE FOR CLAIM CHANGES					\$800.00	
1/2 FILING FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY					\$N/A	

The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes and any extension of time is calculated to be \$\_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 and 1.17 which may be required with this communication or during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to **Deposit Account No. 01-0467**. A duplicate copy of this Form is enclosed.

March 17, 2008

Date



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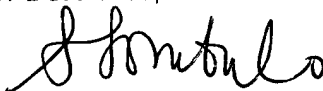
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**AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit the present document in response to the Office Action  
mailed on January 16, 2008.

**Listing of Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.